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**JOINT RELEASE: TEXAS TECH VETERINARY SCHOOL FUNDING  
INCLUDED IN THE STATE BUDGET**

AUSTIN, TX – Today, **Sen. Charles Perry, Rep. Dustin Burrows, Rep. John Frullo, and Rep. John T. Smithee** released the following statement regarding the inclusion of \$4.1 million in the state budget (General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1) for Texas Tech University to open a veterinary school. The House passed the budget 135-14 and the Senate passed the budget 30-1.

"Rural Texas depends on agriculture as an economic driver, and the lack of large animal veterinarians in Texas can have a devastating effect on our communities. The inclusion of \$4.1 million in the state budget to establish a veterinary school at Texas Tech University will go a long way in addressing this need.

The overwhelming support for the funding of a veterinary school at Texas Tech University goes to show that both chambers and both political parties understand how important this is to rural Texas. This school will ensure students receive high quality veterinary skills and education for large animal practice in high need areas.

We want to personally thank all the budget conferees, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, Speaker Joe Straus, and our colleagues, especially Chairwoman Jane Nelson and Chairman John Zerwas, who led the budget process."

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